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Via FOIA Online

National Freedom of Information Officer
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (2822T)
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RE: Freedom of Information Act Request for Records Related to Agency Email Distribution Lists

To Whom This May Concern:

This is a request for public records pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. Section 552, as implemented by the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") at 40 C.F.R. Part 2. For purposes of this request, the definition of "records" includes, but is not limited to, documents, letters, memoranda, notes, reports, e-mail messages (including e-mails to and from personal e-mail accounts), minutes, handouts, policy statements, data, technical evaluations or analysis, and studies.

Background

On July 13, 2018, EPA's Water Security Division distributed an email with subject line "Prepare for Harmful Algal Blooms" (attachment 1). EPA has confirmed that the number of email addresses on this distribution list is upwards of over 19 thousand addresses. On February 14, 2019, EPA's Office of Water distributed an email with subject line "Announcing EPA's Water Quality Modeling Webinar: 'Consetoga River Watershed HSPF and SWAT Modeling'" (attachment 2).

Request

This request seeks:

1. Any records that show and/or confirm that EPA sought permission to utilize the emails located on the above-mentioned email distribution lists to contact those individuals with Agency communications; and

2. Any documents that show and/or confirm the owners of these email addresses indicated that their email address should not be utilized by any non-governmental agency communications.

Please contact the undersigned if the associated search and duplication costs are anticipated to exceed \$100.00. Please duplicate the records that are responsive to this request and send it to the undersigned at the above address. If the requested record is withheld based upon any asserted privilege, please identify the basis for the non-disclosure.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact this office so as to ensure that only the necessary document is duplicated.

Respectfully,

/s/ Erin Thomas

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Attachment 1 –

EPA’s Water Security Division July 13, 2018 Email – “Prepare for Harmful Algal Blooms”

From: US EPA Water Security Division <wsd-outreach@epa.gov>

Sent: Friday, July 13, 2018 11:19 AM

To: John Hall <jhall@hall-associates.com>

Subject: Prepare for Harmful Algal Blooms

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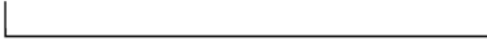
Harmful Algal Blooms

Protecting Your Utility from Harmful Algal Blooms

Increasingly, utilities face harmful algal bloom or HAB challenges as they try to ensure the delivery of safe drinking water to their customers. HABs can create toxins that are difficult to treat, which can lead to prolonged drinking water outages that can impact both human health and a community's economy.



[Click here!](#) To check out this video and these tools to learn how to protect your utility and customers from harmful algal blooms.



[Incident Action Checklist for Water Utilities - Harmful Algal Blooms](#)

Drinking water and wastewater utilities can use this "rip & run" style checklist to help with harmful algal bloom emergency preparedness, response and recovery activities

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[Response On-The-Go Mobile Application and Website](#)

EPA's new mobile app for iPhone and Android helps response personnel and water utility operators access key response information - including severe weather watches and warnings, emergency contacts, emergency checklists, damage assessment forms, and ICS resources - on your mobile device during an emergency.



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Attachment 2 –

EPA Office of Water’s February 14, 2019 Email – “Announcing EPA’s Water Quality Modeling Webinar: ‘Conestoga River Watershed HSPF and SWAT Modeling’”

From: U.S. EPA Office of Water <epaow@epa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 10:54 AM

To: Gary Cohen <gcohen@hall-associates.com>

Subject: Announcing EPA's Water Quality Modeling Webinar: "Conestoga River Watershed HSPF and SWAT Modeling"



EPA's Water Quality Modeling Workgroup is hosting a series of webinars to help water quality professionals better understand surface water quality modeling and how models can be used to solve common problems that face water quality regulators. The webinars are focused on modeling as it applies to the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL), Standards, and Water Quality Permitting Programs, but they are applicable to a wide range of audiences. These two hour webinars cover everything from modeling basics (e.g., model setup and calibration) to applied water quality modeling of different pollutants.

The webinar, titled "**Conestoga River Watershed HSPF and SWAT Modeling**", is scheduled for **Tuesday March 12 at 1pm Eastern**. This webinar presents the development and application of watershed models using the Soil and Water Assessment Tool (SWAT) and Hydrologic Simulation Program FORTTRAN (HSPF) for the Conestoga River watershed in Pennsylvania. The novel modeling approach was used to quantify watershed sediment and nutrient sources and impacts of stream restoration. The SWAT model was calibrated and validated for streamflow, sediment and nutrients at the watershed outlet. An HSPF model for the Conestoga River was also developed to quantify legacy sources of sediment and parameterize the in-stream sediment component of the SWAT model. The streamflow and sediment component of the HSPF model were calibrated and validated using the same data used for the evaluation of the SWAT model. Simulations of stream restoration scenarios were completed using the calibrated SWAT model and showed large decreases in delivered sediment and nutrient loads. The results indicate that stream restoration has the potential to reduce sediment and nutrient loads to the Chesapeake Bay.

Registration is required and is now available at:

<https://epawebconferencing.acms.com/conestoga/event/registration.html>. Participants should use their computer speakers to hear webinar audio.

Previous webinars are available here: <https://www.epa.gov/waterdata/surface-water-quality-modeling-training>.

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